

To the Members of the California Legislature:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1020 without my signature.

While well intentioned, this bill would impose costly and unnecessary requirements upon the California Transportation Commission (CTC), the Department of Transportation (Department) and regional transportation planning agencies (RTPAs).

My administration is already moving forward with a comprehensive approach to integrating land use and transportation planning through the Strategic Growth Plan that I proposed earlier this year. The Department has already begun implementation of a key element of this plan, the Regional Transportation Blueprint Program. This grant program is funding development of the very types of travel demand modeling and land-use forecasting that this bill envisions.

I am extremely concerned that the requirements in AB 1020 would drain critical resources from the important work that is already underway, and would result in substantial duplication of effort among state as well as regional agencies. For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger